

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the present title with the following rewritten title:

Page 1, first paragraph is amended as follows:

This is a continuation Divisional of Application No. 09/042,642 filed March 17, 1998,
the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Page 8, third paragraph is amended as follows:

As illustrated in Fig. 1, four circumferential direction main grooves 14, which extend along the circumferential direction of the tire (the direction of arrow R and the direction opposite to the direction of arrow R, the direction of arrow R representing the primary or forward direction of rotation of the tire at the ground-contact configuration when mounted on a vehicle, and specifically on a wheel rim of the vehicle for rolling support), are formed in a tread 12 of a pneumatic tire 10 of the present first embodiment. At the tire transverse direction (the direction of arrow W) outer sides of the circumferential circumferential direction main grooves 14 which are formed at the tire transverse direction sides, a plurality of blocks 18, which are defined by these circumferential direction main grooves 14 and a plurality of transverse direction grooves 16 extending along the tire transverse direction, are disposed along the circumferential direction of the tire.